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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-17. (Cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice).
18. (Previously Presented) A method of electronically purchasing ticket; comprising:
using a portable trusted terminal of a purchaser which is in wireless communication with a server of a provider of the tickets to select a ticket to be purchased;
using the portable trusted terminal to communicate with the server which verifies a purchase of a selected ticket and authenticity of the purchaser;
signing with the server a contract representing purchase of the ticket by the purchaser;
and
saving in a memory information regarding the purchase from which the purchased ticket is output by an authorized device selected by the portable trusted terminal with authorization being determined by the server of the provider.
19. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 18, wherein the authorized device is an authorized printing device, and the purchaser communicates with the provider of the tickets to print the ticket with the authorized printing device.
20. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 19, wherein:
the authorized printing device is connected to the server by way of a network connection.

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21-32. (Cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice).

33. (Previously Presented) A method of providing a ticket to a user terminal comprising:

- selecting the ticket to be purchased by wireless communication from the user terminal to a server of a ticket service provider;
- authenticating and verifying a user of the user terminal with the server of the ticket service provider;
- creating contract information associated with the selected ticket including verified information;
- recording at the server of the ticket service provider the selected ticket in an electronic format including information verifying the user;
- requesting the ticket in electronic format from the user terminal through a communication network to the ticket service provider; and
- in response to the request, downloading the electronic ticket to an authorized output device selected by the user terminal to output the purchased ticket and in communication with the server including the verified information with authorization of the device being determined by the server of the ticket service provider.

34-55. (Cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice).

56. (Currently Amended) A system which provides a ticket to a user terminal comprising:

- a communication network in wireless communication with the user terminal;

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a ticket service provider including a ticket service provider server connected to the communication network which provides selection of tickets to be purchased by a user of the user terminal;

authenticating ~~means~~apparatus, associated with the ticket service provider server, which authenticates a user of the user terminal to purchase a ticket selected from the tickets provided by the ticket service provider;

verifying ~~means~~apparatus, associated with the ticket service provider server, which verifies contract information created in association with purchasing of the ticket;

recording ~~means~~apparatus for recording the verified contract information; and

an output device selected by the user terminal and authorized, by the ticket service provider server, in communication with the network, the user terminal and ticket service provider server, which receives a downloaded verified ticket in response to a request from the user terminal to the ticket service provider server and the authorized output device outputs the verified ticket.

57-65. (Cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice).

66. (Currently Amended) A system in accordance with claim 56 which performs the method of: ~~claim 18,~~

using the user terminal of a purchaser which is in wireless communication with the server of a provider of the tickets to select a ticket to be purchased;

using the user terminal to communicate with the server which verifies a purchase of a selected ticket and authenticity of the purchaser;

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signing with the server a contract representing purchase of the ticket by the purchaser;

and

saving in a memory information regarding the purchase from which the purchased ticket is output by the authorized device selected by the user terminal with authorization being determined by the server of the provider.

67. (Currently Amended) A system in accordance with claim 56 which performs the method of: ~~claim 33.~~

selecting the ticket to be purchased by wireless communication from the user terminal to the server of the ticket service provider;

authenticating and verifying a user of the user terminal with the server of the ticket service provider;

creating contract information associated with the selected ticket including verified information;

recording at the server of the ticket service provider the selected ticket in an electronic format including information verifying the user;

requesting the ticket in electronic format from the user terminal through a communication network to the ticket service provider; and

in response to the request, downloading the electronic ticket to the authorized output device selected by the user terminal to output the purchased ticket and in communication with the server including the verified information with authorization of the device being determined by the server of the ticket service provider.

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68. (Cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice).

69. (Currently Amended) In a system which provides a ticket to a portable user terminal including a communication network in wireless communication with the portable user terminal, a ticket service provider including a ticket service provider server connected to the communication network which provides selection of tickets to be purchased by a user of the user terminal, authenticating ~~means~~apparatus, associated with the ticket service provider server, which authenticates a user of the user terminal to purchase a ticket selected from the tickets provided by the ticket service provider, verifying ~~means~~apparatus, associated with the ticket service provider server, which verifies contract information created in association with purchasing of the ticket, recoding ~~means~~apparatus for recording the verified contract information, and an output device selected by the portable user terminal to output the purchased ticket and authorized, by the ticket service provider server, in communication with the network, the user terminal and the ticket service provider server, which receives a downloaded verified ticket in response to a request from the user terminal to the ticket service provider server and the authorized output device outputs the verified ticket, a method comprising:

using the user terminal which is in wireless communication with the ticket service provider server to select a ticket to be purchased and to select the authorized output device to output the purchased ticket;

using the user terminal to communicate with the ticket service provider server which verifies a purchase of a selected ticket and authenticity of the purchaser;

signing with the server a contract representing purchase of the ticket by the purchaser; and

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saving in a memory information regarding the purchase from which the purchased ticket is output by the authorized output device with authorization being determined by the ticket service provider server.

70. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 69, wherein:

the user communicates with the provider of the tickets to print the ticket with the authorized output device.

71. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 69, wherein:

the authorized output device is connected to the ticket service provider server by way of a network connection.

72-83. (Cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice).

84. (Currently Amended) In a system which provides a ticket to a user terminal including a communication network in wireless communication with the user terminal, a ticket service provider including a ticket service provider server connected to the communication network which provides selection of tickets to be purchased by a user of the user terminal, authenticating meansapparatus, associated with the ticket service provider server, which authenticates a user of the user terminal to purchase a ticket selected from the tickets provided by the ticket service provider, verifying meansapparatus, associated with the ticket service provider server, which verifies contract information created in association with purchasing of the ticket, recoding

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meansapparatus for recording the verified contract information, and an output device selected by the user terminal to output the purchased ticket and authorized, by the ticket service provider server, in communication with the network, the user terminal and the ticket service provider server, which receives a downloaded verified ticket in response to a request from the user terminal to the ticket service provider server and the authorized output device outputs the verified ticket, a method comprising:

selecting the ticket to be purchased by wireless communication from the user terminal to the ticket service provider server;

authenticating and verifying a user of the user terminal with the ticket service provider server;

creating contract information associated with the selected ticket including verified information;

recording at the ticket service provider server the selected ticket in an electronic format including information verifying the user;

requesting the ticket in electronic format from the user terminal through a communication network to the ticket service provider server; and

in response to the request, downloading the electronic ticket to an authorized output device which is selected by the user terminal and in communication with the ticket service provider server including the verified information with authorization of the device being determined by the ticket service provider server.

85-106. (Cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice)

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107. (Currently Amended) In a system which provides a ticket to a user terminal including a communication network in wireless communication with the user terminal, a ticket service provider including a ticket service provider server connected to the communication network which provides selection of tickets to be purchased by a user of the user terminal, authenticating meansapparatus, associated with the ticket service provider server, which authenticates a user of the user terminal to purchase a ticket selected from the tickets provided by the ticket service provider, verifying meansapparatus, associated with the ticket service provider server, which verifies contract information created in association with purchasing of the ticket, recoding meansapparatus for recording the verified contract information, and an output device selected by the user terminal to output the purchased ticket and authorized, by the ticket service provider server, in communication with the network, the user terminal and the ticket service provider server, which receives a downloaded verified ticket in response to a request from the user terminal to the ticket service provider server and the authorized output device outputs the verified ticket, a method comprising:

purchasing a ticket from the ticket service provider server and using the portable terminal wireless communication with the ticket service provider server; and

outputting the ticket with the output device selected by the user terminal, authorized by the ticket service provider server, which is separate from and in communication with the ticket service provider server, upon a request received from the user terminal by the ticket service provider server with the output device being authorized by a communication from the ticket service provider server.

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108-115. (Cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice).

116. (Currently Amended) In a system which provides a ticket to a user terminal including a communication network in wireless communication with the user terminal, a ticket service provider including a ticket service provider server connected to the communication network which provides selection of tickets to be purchased by a user of the user terminal, authenticating meansapparatus, associated with the ticket service provider server, which authenticates a user of the user terminal to purchase a ticket selected from the tickets provided by the ticket service provider, verifying meansapparatus, associated with the ticket service provider server, which verifies contract information created in association with purchasing of the ticket and recoding meansapparatus for recording the verified contract information, a device comprising:

an authorized output device selected by the user terminal, which is authorized by the ticket service provider server to output a verified ticket, in communication with the network, the user terminal and the ticket service provider server, which receives a downloaded verified ticket in response to a request from the user terminal to the ticket service provider server and outputs the verified ticket.

117-119. (Cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice).

120. (Previously Presented) A method of electronically purchasing tickets comprising:

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a purchaser using a portable trusted terminal, which is in wireless communication with a server of a provider of the tickets, to select a ticket to be purchased and to digitally sign a contract to purchase the selected ticket;

using the portable trusted terminal to transmit an identification of the ticket selected for purchase and the digitally signed contract to the server which verifies a purchase of a selected ticket by verifying the digital signature and authenticity of the purchaser;

storing in a memory associated with the server information regarding the purchase of the ticket from which the purchased ticket will be printed by an authorized printing device with authorization of printing of the ticket being determined by the server;

using the portable trusted terminal to communicate with the server to transmit a digitally signed request for an authorized printing device to print the purchased ticket to the server; and

the server verifies the signature of the digitally signed request for an authorized printing device to print the purchased ticket and transmits an authorization to an authorized printing device to print the purchased ticket for the purchaser.

121. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 120, wherein:

the authorized printing device prints the purchased ticket and after the printing of the purchased ticket acknowledges the printing of the purchased ticket to the server which is stored in the memory in association with the server of the tickets.

122. (Currently Amended) A system which provides tickets for purchase to a trusted terminal used by a purchaser comprising:

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a communication network in wireless communication with the trusted terminal and with a ticket service provider server;

the trusted terminal including meansapparatus for providing a digitally signed contract to purchase a selected ticket and an identification of a purchased ticket to the communication network for transmission to the ticket service provider;

the ticket service provider server providing a selection of tickets for purchase by the purchaser using the trusted user terminal and receiving from the communication network the digitally signed contract and the identification of the purchased ticket;

authenticating meansapparatus, associated with the ticket service provider server, which authenticates the purchaser to purchase the purchased ticket selected from the tickets provided by the ticket service provider server;

verifying meansapparatus, associated with the ticket service provider server, which verifies the digitally signed contract created in association with purchasing of the ticket which is received from the trusted terminal by verifying of the digital signature;

meansapparatus for recording the verified digitally signed contract and an identification of the ticket in a memory associated with ticket service provider server;

the trusted terminal including meansapparatus for providing to the network a digitally signed request for an authorized output device to output the purchased ticket which is transmitted by the network to the ticket service provider server which verifies the digitally signed signature of the digitally signed request;

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the ticket service provider server, including ~~means~~apparatus, responsive to verification of the digital signature of the digitally signed request for providing an authorization to output the purchased ticket to the authorized output device; and

an authorized output device, for connection to the trusted user terminal and to the ticket service provider server through the network, for receiving the authorization to output the purchased ticket and the purchased ticket from the ticket service provider server to output the purchased ticket from the service provider server for the purchaser.

123. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 122 wherein:

the authorized output device outputs the purchased ticket and after the output of the purchased ticket acknowledges the output of the purchased ticket to the ticket server provider.